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Applicant(s): Walter H. Mawby, et al.

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For: Method for Constructing A
Multistory Building

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 8, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated November 8, 2002 and in response request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A multistory concrete building formed entirely of poured in place concrete tunnels and method of making same. The structure is constructed so that the substructure can be used as a parking garage and the superstructure as residential space. The unique use of concrete tunnels in both the substructure and superstructure combines the benefits of column and plate construction with concrete tunnel construction while eliminating the need for a traditional transfer deck between the superstructure and substructure. In one embodiment, the parking structure is constructed from tunnel walls of alternating lengths such that the drive aisle in certain walls can be extended so as to allow additional parking spaces to be formed in the planes of those walls.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, and 5-13.

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2. (Amended) The structure of claim 15 wherein said substructure is a parking garage and said superstructure is residential space.